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SUBJECT: DEMARCHE DELIVERED ON INTERNATIONAL FUEL BANK

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11. (SBU) Japan supports open discussions of fuel bank proposals at the upcoming International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Board of Governors meeting. Energy Attach and Econoff delivered demarche points contained in ref June 8 to Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA) Non-Proliferation, Science and Nuclear Energy Division, Principal Deputy, Naoto Nakahara and Special Assistant for Nuclear Issues, Toshio Kaneko.

12. (SBU) Nakahara said the GOJ supports open and frank discussion of fuel bank proposals at the forthcoming IAEA Board of Governors meeting. He noted the GOJ believes fuel assurances would strengthen the nonproliferation regime. He further stated the GOJ understands the importance the U.S. places on this issue. After conveying Japan's support, Nakahara noted a number of countries oppose fuel bank discussions at the Board of Governors meeting and asked about the USG approach to dealing with these governments' misgivings/opposition.

13. (U) Action Request: Embassy would appreciate further points for responding to Nakahara's inquiry.
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